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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am not acquainted with all the things that my hon. Friend mentions."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Is the hon. Minister aware that in England itself all the leading cities are going in for continental articles because they are cheaper ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am not aware of that."

List of approved firms for purchasing electrical machinery.

* 169 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have got a list of firms from whom only electrical machinery and plants should be purchased by local bodies ; and

(b) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay the same before the Council ?

A.—(a) & (b) There is no such list.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" Are there any firms which can supply these things ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice."

Orders given to non-British firms for electrical plants.

* 170 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of non-British firms that have received large orders for electrical plants from the municipalities in this presidency prior to April 1929 ;

(b) the amount of the order in each case together with the nationality of the firm ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Administration of endowments by Tanjore Rajas.

* 171 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 2004 answered on 27th March 1929 regarding the administration of endowments by Tanjore Rajas—

(a) whether the information called for has been received ; and

(b) whether the same will be placed on the table of this House ?

A.—(a) & (b) Yes.[a]

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Sir, in the letter from the Tanjore District Board President we find that over Rs. 52,000 has been spent on education out of chatram funds and nearly Rs. 30,000 spent on hospitals. Have the Government obtained legal advice as to whether such diversion of funds from the intention of the original donors is legal ? "

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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No such opinion has been obtained, but people if they desire, can get this matter settled in a court of law."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if there is any surplus every year and if such surplus is deposited in any bank ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, in regard to what is mentioned in the appendix that ' grain collection also to an aggregate of 18,944 kalams has been made annually ', whether there is an account kept for it ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I ask the hon. the Minister whether Government have received any representations protesting against such diversion of funds which are not permissible even by the wildest stretch of the doctrine of *cypres* ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Not that I am aware of."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" It is said that part of the money is spent on ' payment of rice and cash allowances monthly to poor and helpless people.' May I know how much that amount comes to ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if the hon. the Minister has examined whether there is a surplus every year ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I believe there is a little surplus."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Then, Sir, may I know whether he will examine it and make arrangements to see that it is properly kept ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" There is no reason to believe that these accounts have been improperly kept."

Nomination of members to the temple committees in South Kanara.

* 172 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in nominating members to the newly constituted temple committees in South Kanara the name of Mr. Kodlamogru Sankappa Rai, a member of the late Mangalore Circle Temple Committee, was recommended to the hon. Minister by the Board of Commissioners ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that at the instance of Mr. A. B. Shetty, M.L.C., the name of the said Sankappa Rai was removed and the former's relative, one Laxminarain Naik, who was not a member of the previous committee, was nominated ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that out of the six Bunt members of the committee, as many as four are closely related to Mr. Shetty as follows and that their nominations were made at his influence :—

Relationship of the members.

(1) Mr. P. R. R. Punja—Mrs. Punja is Mr. A. B. Shetty's niece,
(2) Mr. Laxminarain Naik—Brother of Mr. Shetty's brother-in-law,
(3) Mr. Ramaiyya Shetty—Cousin of Mr. Shetty's brother-in-law,
(4) Mr. Tejappa Shetty—Nephew of the father of No. 3 supra ; and